

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*): Only Viruppu is given there.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: ക്രാങ്ങ്ഗനൂർ താലൂക്കിൽ ഇക്കൊല്ലം കൃഷി വളരെ നല്ല നിലയിൽ ആയിരുന്നതുകൊണ്ടാണോ കഴിഞ്ഞ കൊല്ലത്തേക്കാൾ കൂടുതൽ നെല്ല് കിട്ടിയത്? കഴിഞ്ഞ കൊല്ലത്തേക്കാൾ അഞ്ചരടി നെല്ല് കൂടുതൽ കിട്ടിക്കൊണ്ടു. അതുകൊണ്ട് കൃഷിയും അഞ്ചരടി നന്നായിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നാണോ വിചാരിക്കേണ്ടത്.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*): Because the South-west monsoon failed. From the lands in the coastal area we expected a large yield. But on account of the failure of the South-west monsoon and the ingress of salt water there was a comparatively larger failure this year.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): May I know, whether the Viruppu crop this year, in 1120, has been comparatively a failure, when compared to the Viruppu crop of 1119?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*): Yes, about 30 per cent.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): With reference to the Talappalli Taluk will not that hold good?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*): The failure has been comparatively less there than in other areas.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): Comparatively between 1119 and 1120 as far as Talappalli Taluk is concerned, was not the Viruppu crop of 1120 a greater failure than it was in 1119?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*): I want notice.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): May I know whether the increase is due to the fact that the grain-purchasing Tahsildar is not allowing paddy to be paid in kind as wages?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*): Certainly not.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Does not the Hon'ble Member for Food realise that the Grain-Purchasing Tahsildar is not making allowances for paying wages in kind for the western half of the Talappalli Taluk?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*): I am not aware. Instructions are that he should give.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): As far as my information goes even for the Swaroopams mentioned in succeeding question he is not allowing "Valli" to be given.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*): If specific instances are brought to my notice I shall enquire. The instructions are that he should give.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): Does this include the shrinkage allowance allowed by the Government?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*): Yes. It will include shrinkage also.

AMOUNT OF PADDY GIVEN FOR PERSONAL USE TO CERTAIN LANDHOLDERS

163. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** (*Vadakkancheri*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

what is the amount of paddy allowed to the following for personal use in the year 1119?—

- (1) Vadhian Nambudiri,
 - (2) The Desamangalath Mana,
 - (3) Varavoor Kaplinghat Mana,
 - (4) Chiralayam Swarupam,
 - (5) Ottur Mana,
 - (6) Koodalattupurath Mana and
 - (7) Manakkulam Swarupam.—
- all in the Talappally Taluk.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*): Government demand from each landholder is fixed according to the general principles laid down when Grain Purchase by Government was initiated. Normally, 50 per cent of the produce is expected to be sold to Government. When the land-holder pleads inability, his accounts for the basic years 1115, 1116 and 1117 are scrutinised. Allowance for home-consumption or domestic use are made on a uniform

pro rate basis for rich and poor alike, unless special circumstances call for a cut to be made. Customary religious expenditure and payments in kind are honoured. Allowances are made for seed and *valli*. The amounts allowed for domestic use to the parties mentioned in the question are on the basis of the principles laid down above. No preferential treatment was shown.

It will not be consistent with public interest to publish the exact quantities allowed to individual land-owners in requisitioning paddy from them. The Hon'ble Member may however note that allowance is made after scrutinising the 1115 and 1116 accounts relating to the expenditure of each and with due regard to the requirements of each.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam): May I know, whether all these Swaroopams are actual cultivators of paddy?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (Director of Food Supplies): I want notice.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam): Will the Hon'ble Member be pleased to enquire that?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (Director of Food Supplies): Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): May I know, whether the customary payments in kind are honoured in the giving of paddy?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (Director of Food Supplies): In the case of certain old families payments to the barber and washerman are made in kind and in a few cases such customary payments are allowed.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam): Are ration cards issued to such washermen and barbers?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (Director of Food Supplies): No. In such cases the ration cards will be suspended or cancelled.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): May I know, whether allowances are made for the purchase of "Koorka" seen in the accounts of these families, for 50 paras of Koorka 100 paras of paddy?

Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): What is the amount of paddy allowed to each of the persons referred to?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (Director of Food Supplies): That I have already answered, that it will not be proper to publish the amount. It will reveal in several cases, the exact wealth of individual concerned and we do not think it proper.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam): What is the quantity allowed for offering in temples per day according to the customary religious usage?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (Director of Food Supplies): It will depend upon the practice and custom prevailing.

Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): Is not an estimate of paddy yield taken?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (Director of Food Supplies): Yes.

QUANTITY OF PADDY OBTAINED BY GOVERNMENT FROM TALAPPALLY TALUK

164. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) what is the total quantity of paddy receivable by land-holders in the Talappally Taluk per year either by self cultivation or as rent or michavaram from tenants;

(b) what is the total collection by Government in the Taluk in 1119?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (Director of Food Supplies): (a) About 37,42,700 paras of paddy under normal conditions.

(b) 16,40,806—8—12 paras.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): The demand expected is 37,42,700 paras of paddy and the actual collection of 1119 is only 16,40,806 paras, i.e., 4 lakhs deficit from 50 per cent. What was the reason?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (Director of Food Supplies): There was failure of crops perhaps.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): Or is it not the inactivity of the collection staff?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (Director of Food Supplies): Certainly not. We are trying our best.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): Or the preferential treatment shown to certain land-holders?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (Director of Food Supplies): Generally not. I cannot say whether in individual cases there have been no lapses. If such instances are brought to our notice we will take action.